

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 17th 2008

Theory

A new page of Radio Theory Links has been added to the IRTS web site. The page, which can be accessed at www.irts.ie/theory has links to a number of web sites containing material of interest to all radio experimenters. This material covers topics such as electronics, antennas and propagation, and includes a number of question banks and sample papers that would be of interest to those studying for the radio theory exam.

Fifteen candidates from different areas throughout the country sat the most recent Theory Examination for the Experimenter's license, which was held on Wednesday the 6th of February last at the ComReg Offices in Dublin. We hope for a successful outcome for them.

This brings to 126 the total number of candidates that have sat the six examinations that have been held since the IRTS took over responsibility for the theory examination just under three years ago.

Trophy Returns

It is now necessary to return all Trophies presented at the 2007 AGM in Cork. To allow time for any engraving or minor repairs, the final date for returns the 9th of March 2008.

Returns can be made before that date to any IRTS Committee Member, or to the IRTS Stand at the Limerick Rally on Sunday March the 9th.

Return of trophies to the home QTH of Peter Grant, Award Manager by regular post is the least reliable and most expensive.

US Reciprocal Licenses

CEPT has revised its table of equivalence between FCC licenses and the CEPT equivalents.

From the 4th of February, Recommendation T/R 61-01 grants full CEPT privileges to US citizens who hold an FCC-issued Extra or Advanced class license. This means that US licence holders who hold a General or Technician license will no longer have full operating privileges in countries where CEPT-reciprocal operation had previously been permitted.

South Dublin Radio Club

The South Dublin Radio Club annual general meeting will take place on Tuesday the 4th of March at the club's premises on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham.

Theory Classes

Theory Classes are continuing at South Dublin Radio Club and also Cara Amateur Radio Society. Classes at SDR take place each Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m. while classes at Cara take place on Wednesdays from 8.30 to 10.30 p.m. For more information contact Michael EI2GKB.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of SEARG will take place on Monday the 25th of February at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford. All members are asked to attend and visitors are welcome.

Upcoming Rallies

The Radio Hobbies and Electronics Fair which is run by the Limerick Radio Club will take place on Sunday the 9th of March in the Limerick Radisson SAS Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick. For more information, visit www.qsl.net/ei4lrc

The Lagan Vally Radio Rally will take place on the 15th of March at Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn. For information contact Jim Henry, GI0DVU on 048 926 62270.

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Annual Rally will take place in The Share Centre, Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh on Sunday the 13th of April 2008.

The IRTS AGM Weekend

The IRTS AGM Weekend will be hosted by the Galway Radio Experimenters Club and will take place on Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th of April 2008. The venue is the Salthill Hotel. For accommodation deals contact the hotel. The IRTS dinner costs 35 Euro per person. For information contact Damian Commins EI2HG or Tom Frawley EI3ER.

EME

A radio amateur in the UK has made an EME (or Moonbounce) contact with just 25 watts. Angus Young M0IKB believes he has set a new record after communicating with a station in the Ohio using EME.

6 Metre Repeater

A new 6 metre repeater is operating from Belfast on 50.780 MHz. Input is on 21.280 and the repeater uses 110.9Hz CTCSS.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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